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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

16 July 1981

Mr. Brian V. Kinney
Chief, Declassification and
Historical Research Branch
Records Management Division
Washington Headquarters Services
Room 1 D 517, Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Kinney:

In response to Mr. Lowry's letter of 13 July 1981 we have reviewed the memorandum forwarded as an attachment thereto.

The CIA interposes no objection to the declassification of this memorandum dated 28 September 1948, Subject: CIA, and originally classified at CONFIDENTIAL.

Sincerely,

for
[Redacted Signature]
Chief, Classification Review Division
Office of Information Services
Directorate of Administration

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Attachment:

Memo dtd 28 Sept 48, Subj: CIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, CLASSIFICATION REVIEW DIVISION,
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Request for Declassification Review

During the systematic review of all classified Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) documents over 20 years old, the Declassification and Historical Research Branch, Records Management Division, Directorate for Correspondence and Directives, Washington Headquarters Services, turned up the attached document(s).

The documents were either originated by your agency, contain information for which your agency is the classification authority, or are otherwise of interest to you.

It is therefore requested that your agency review the documents and recommend declassification, continued classification at the present or lesser level of classification, and/or review by other agencies. If your agency is recommending continued classification, in accordance with Paragraph 3-401, Executive Order 12065, it is requested that an authority for continued classification be specified, along with a date for the next review.

The time permitted by Executive Order 12065 to reach the point where all OSD documents over 20 years old have been reviewed, and the large volume of over 20 year old OSD documents, make it necessary to request your response within 60 days. In your response, you may wish to provide guidance with regard to what categories of information you do and do not wish to have referred to you in the future.

Your assistance in effecting this review will be most appreciated. Please return the documents to Mr. Brian V. Kinney, Chief, Declassification and Historical Research Branch, Records Management Division, Washington Headquarters Services, Room 1D517, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301, upon completion of your review.

Without attachments, this memorandum is UNCLASSIFIED.

E. E. Lowry Jr.
E. E. Lowry, Jr.
OSD Records Administrator

Attachments

1. Ltr, 28 Sep 1948, to Dr. Blake, Subj: CIA (C)

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September 28, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. BLAKE

Subject: CIA

1. [redacted] visited with Dr. Sadusk and Dr. McCormack on Monday afternoon, 27 September.

2. The CIA established by the National Security Act of 1947 is intended to coordinate intelligence activities of the three branches of the military with those of the State Department. [redacted] considered it a fair appraisal to state that the Scientific Branch of the CIA is a relatively minor one compared to the political; the biologic section is a relatively minor portion of the Scientific Branch; and the medical branch is a very minor portion of the biologic section. The Scientific Branch of the CIA is assigned as the Intelligence Branch of the RDB. [redacted] is in charge of the Biologic Section. He is not a physician, his background includes his work in [redacted]

[redacted] Up to the present he has not had any physician in his office, but a [redacted] who has had considerable experience in tropical medicine is soon to begin work under [redacted]

3. [redacted] chief activity with respect to RDB centers in the field of biological warfare and it is his belief that even when [redacted] joins him their chief activity will continue to be biological warfare.

4. The direct liaison with the RDB and [redacted] office appears to be a weekly visit by [redacted]

[redacted] and who according to [redacted] routinely searches only biological warfare material on his weekly visits. [redacted] was not aware of the existence of the RDB library within the Library of Congress. [redacted] office has not prepared any listing of titles of intelligence material, such as Technical Information Pilot, issued by the Science and Technology Project of the Library of Congress for ONR, and circulated in RDB. There is not any critical analysis of information within [redacted] department. He admits frankly that "medical intelligence" to him [redacted]

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consists essentially of the material he receives from Dr. Turner in the Office of the Surgeon General. He quoted Dr. Turner as saying that 90% of his information is from unclassified relatively easily available material.

JAMES H. MCCORMACK, M.D.
Deputy Executive Director
Committee on Medical Sciences

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